

Amendments to the Specification

On page 3, please replace the fifth full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 3 3A is a schematic representation of a section of a single ply of a knitted ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fabric;

On page 3, before the last full paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

FIGS. 3B and 3C show views, similar to FIG. 3A, of a knitted aluminum fabric which has stitch rows of varying width (FIG. 3B) and of a knotted aluminum fabric which has stitch wales of varying width (FIG. 3C), respectively.

On page 5, please replace the second full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 3 3A shows a portion of a single ply 12 of the knitted ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fabric. It is evident that the knitted ~~aluminium~~ aluminum fabric is a single-thread knitted fabric, i.e. that the stitched surface is formed by plaiting a single, transversely running strip-like ~~aluminium~~ aluminum thread 13. Each stitch consists of a head 14, two legs 15, 16 and two feet 17, 18. The adjacent stitches form a correspondingly transverse

stitch row, while several superimposed stitches form a so-called stitch wale.

On page 5, after the last full paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

FIG. 3B shows a single ply 12' of a knitted aluminum fabric which has stitch rows of varying width. FIG. 3C shows a single ply 12" of a knitted aluminum fabric which has stitch wales of varying width. As shown in FIG. 3C, the average distance between two legs 15, 16 of a stitch varies between b and b' .